

Study Life at Fontys University of Applied Sciences

As an Erasmus student, the workload may become overwhelming especially if you have decided to additionally take up some courses at METU. Sometimes I find myself struggling to keep a balance as I have to study for my exams here in the Netherlands and in Budapest as well and this does leave me pretty stressed. Unlike the traditional two semester setup we have at METU, all Dutch universities have four semesters so your six months here will consist of two semesters which also means two exam periods. From what I observed, a typical semester/period consists of seven weeks excluding the holidays so this means that you need to be constantly revising because it will be difficult for you to study everything right at the end. However every day you only have one lecture which will be about three to four hours and this really helps because after the lecture you can then study for that course. So basically, every day is dedicated to a particular subject and this allows you to work on the assignments for it as well as preparing for the exams.

Most of the courses I took up last period required me to submit papers for the assessment rather than actually taking an exam. Though one thing I must bring up is that if you fail a course here you can only resit it in the next period which will be about three months after receiving your grades. So the good part is that you do get a second chance to improve your grade but the bad part is that if you fail any courses in the second period as an Erasmus student then you won't be able to resit it because obviously you will no longer be around because the resit will only be three months after. The grading system is on a scale of one to ten and you will need to get a 5.5 to pass.



There are many quiet places around the university where you can go to study and also more than one library, so if you're like me and you struggle studying at home then the library is always open to you. Tilburg city also has its own library, which is really cool, I really recommend the place.

It used to be a train station years back but it was reconstructed into a library. If you visit the place you will see items such as tables built from the old steam trains, but in general the library just has an amazing atmosphere.

